

SPIRITUAL ISRAEL

"Israel," which means prince with God, was a name of heavenly origin, and applied only to Jacob, signifying his spiritual victory. Genesis 32:28. Later the name "Israel" was extended to include Jacob's descendants. God told Pharaoh, "**Israel is my son, even my firstborn...Let my son go.**" Exodus 4:22,23. In Galatians, Paul writes that Abraham's seed does not refer to "**many**," but to "**one,... which is Christ.**" Galatians 3:16. Repeatedly, the New Testament applies statements that once applied to the nation of Israel to Jesus Christ; He is now "the seed." Jesus is the very essence of Israel!

Paul then tells his Gentile (non-Jewish) converts, "**And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**" Galatians 3:29. Thus in the New Testament, the name Israel not only applies to Jesus Christ, but also to those who are born in Christ—His Church! In other words, all true Christians are now God's spiritual Israel. This is truly a wonderful privilege!

From its inception, the church has understood itself to be "Spiritual Israel." For example, the Lord told the ancient Israelites, "**And ye shall be unto me a kingdom**

Many things in the Old Testament have a symbolic or spiritual counterpart in the New Testament. Thus there are events, places and people in the Old Testament which are local, typical (a symbol that points to the real or original) and geographical, while these same events, places and people when mentioned in the New Testament are worldwide, antitypical (the real or original to which the type points) and symbolic.

Old Testament

- Literal Israel
- Literal Tabernacle/Sanctuary
- Literal Babylon
- Literal Egypt
- Literal Euphrates River
- Literal Jezebel

Is Symbolic of

New Testament

- Spiritual Israel
- Heavenly Sanctuary
- Spiritual Babylon
- Spiritual Egypt
- Symbolic Euphrates River
- Spiritual Jezebel

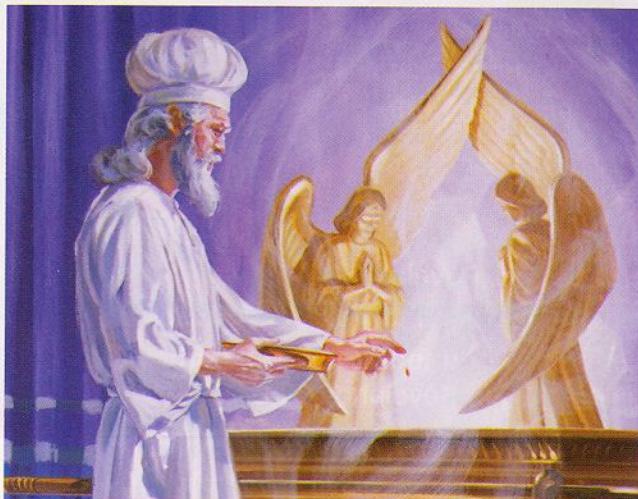
Local, Typical, Literal

Worldwide, Antitypical, Spiritual

A.D. 34

A.D. 34 Marked the endpoint of the 490 year prophecy of Daniel 9. At this time the Jewish nation confirmed its rejection of Christ by stoning Stephen and beginning large scale persecution of Christ's followers.

Old Testament Sanctuary Service



Heavenly Sanctuary Service

